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1. SECOND COMMITTEE CONCLUDED DEBATE ON REPORT OF TDB NOVEMBER 1-2. LDC SPEAKERS CONTINUED TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND MONETARY REFORM, OFTEN CALLING FOR SDR-AID LINK IN CONTEXT OF LATTER. FRUSTRATION OF STRONG DOMESTIC EFFORT BY EXTERNAL FACTORS ALSO A REPEATED THEME.

2. EE'S CONTINUED ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN DEBATE, EMPHASIZING NEED TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AND EXPLOITATION IN TRADE RELATIONS AND BENEFITS OF LONG-TERM BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS BY WHICH THEY REGULATE THEIR FOREIGN TRADE.

3. REGARDING RECENT BOOM IN COMMODITY PRICES. ALL LDC'S -- AND NORWAY SPEAKING FOR NORDICS -- HAVE ARGUED IT IS PASSING PHENOMENON AND THAT UNCTAD WORK ON PRICING POLICIES AND ACCESS TO MARKETS SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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PURSUED.

4. SOME LDC DELS CONTINUED TO RAISE TOPICS OF SPECIAL INTEREST: IRAQ AND SYRIA ATTACKED ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB LAND; FIJI AND JAMAICA DREW ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING ISLANDS (ALTHOUGH INDONESIA AND SRI LANKA DID NOT); AND PAKISTAN EMPHASIZED DEBT-SERVICING PROBLEM.

5. GUYANA GAVE MOST UNUSUAL SPEECH, URGING UNCTAD TO GIVE GREATER ATTENTION TO OVERALL DEVELOPMENT POLICY OF LDC'S RATHER THAN JUST TRADE POLICY. DEL SAID DEVELOPMENT WOULD RESULT FROM INTERNAL STRUCTURAL CHANGES OF SOCIETY; FROM SELF-RELIANCE; AND FROM MUTUAL COOPERATION AMONG LDC'S AT SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL LEVELS. CONCLUDING WITH A CALL FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN DC'S AND LDC'S, GUYANAESE SAID DC'S SHOULD APPRECIATE THAT, "IF WE ARE MORE UNITED, IT IS NOT IN AN EFFORT TO SEEK CONFRONTATION." (HANDFUL OF OTHER LDC'S HAVE ALSO TOUCHED ON NO-CONFRONTATION IDEA.)

6 PREC DEL GAVE ROUTINE SPEECH REHEARSING CHINESE SUPPORT FOR BROAD RANGE OF UNCTAD ACTIVITIES, IN THE CONTEXT OF ATTACK ON "IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND BIG-POWER HEGEMONISM."

7. SOUTH AFRICAN DEL WAS INTERRUPTED AS HE BEGAN BY OBJECTION FROM UPPER VOLTA AND, WHEN CHAIR RETURNED FLOOR TO SOUTH AFRICAN, BY WALK-OUT BY LDC'S (EXCEPT BRAZIL) AND COMMUNIST DELS. PORTUGAL NOT SUBJECT TO SAME DISAPPROVAL.

8. MEXICAN RESOLUTION ON CHARTER RIGHTS, DUTIES OF STATES SUBJECT NUMEROUS FAVORABLE COMMENTS BY REPS.
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